

Fijian

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1 Language Information

- Source: Schütz (1985)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/fiji1243>
- ISO-identifier: fji
- Speakers:
- Location: Fiji
- Geneology: Austronesian > Malayo-Polynesian > Central-Eastern Malayo-Polynesian > Eastern Malayo-Polynesian > Oceanic > Central Pacific linkage > Tokelau-Fijian > East Fijian > Fijian

2 Nominal Morphology

The nouns can have a singular and a plural form. There are four numbers in the pronominal system - singular, dual, paucal, and plural. There is an inclusive/exclusive distinction in first person.

3 Verbal Morphology

The verb does not agree with the subject. The subject is the marker that indicates person, and number.

4 Conjunction

The conjunctions in Fijian are *ka* 'and' and *ia* 'but'.

- (1) e vaka-yaga-taki me kākana, ka siga-ni me voli-taki.
3SG CAU-use-TRAN SUB food CONJ dry-TRAN SUB buy-TRAN
'It is used for food and dried to be sold.' [Schütz, 1985, p. 467]

- (2) curu ki tuba ka kākua tale ni lesu māi.
go-through DIR outside CONJ don't iteration SUB return DIR
'Go outside and don't come back again.' [Schütz, 1985, p. 467]
- (3) era kana gā, ka ra moce sara.
3PL eat LIMITER CONJ 3PL sleep INT
'They just ate and went to sleep immediately.' [Schütz, 1985, p. 467]
- (4) e dua na gone vuku ka maqosa
3SG one DEF child wise CONJ clever
'a wise and clever child' [Schütz, 1985, p. 467]
- (5) era sā vosa vaka-dedē ka vaka-domo-i-levu
3PL ASP speak MANNER-long CONJ MANNER-loud
'They speak long and loudly.' [Schütz, 1985, p. 468]
- (6) tini ka dua
ten CONJ one
'eleven' [Schütz, 1985, p. 468]
- (7) tolu-saga-vulu ka ono
thirty CONJ six
'thirty-six' [Schütz, 1985, p. 468]
- (8) e ka-ya o koya ni dina, ia āū sega ni vaka-bau-t-a
3SG say-3SG PROPER 3SG SUB true CONJ 1SG not SUB believe-TRAN-3SG
'He says that it's true, but I don't believe ti.' [Schütz, 1985, p. 469]

5 Disjunction

Disjunction is marked by *sē*.

- (9) o sa na lako, sē sega?
2SG ASP FUT go CONJ not
'Will you go or not?' [Schütz, 1985, p. 469]
- (10) ka ke-na i-cōi na rōūrōū sē ika
CONJ POSS-3SG i-cōi DEF taro-leaves CONJ fish
'It is i-cōi taro-leaves or fish?' [Schütz, 1985, p. 469]

6 Prepositions

1. *kei* comitative
2. *mai* locative, directional, ablative
3. *e* locative, ablative
4. *i* directional, ablative, accusative, vocative

References

Schütz, Albert J. (1985). *The Fijian Language*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.